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TAGS: CASC CI (GITLIN, BRUCE)  
SUBJECT: W/W: BRUCE GITLIN

REF: SANTIAGO 5416, STATE 182969

1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF INTERESTED.
2. BRUCE GITLIN WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN ALONG WITH OTHER SNOW-  
BOUND CKIERS BY A CHILEAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER FROM PORTILLO  
SKI RESORT TO TOWN OF LOS ANDES 30 MILES FROM SANTIAGO ON MORNING  
OF JULY 27. POST SUCCEEDED IN ADVISING HOTEL PORTILLO VIA  
EMERGENCY RADIO ON JULY 24 THAT GITLIN WAS TO CONTACT CONSULATE  
AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BUT WE STILL HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ADVISE  
HIM DIRECTLY OF PARENTS' CONCERN. MOVEMENT OF TOURISTS TRANDED AT HOT  
EL  
PORTILLO TO LOS ANDES BY CHILEAN AIR FORCE WAS REQUESTED BY  
HOTEL AFTER NEW SNOWFALL ON JULY 26 ASSURED THAT AREA WOULD  
BE INACCESSIBLE FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE WEEKS.
3. POST TRIED REPEATEDLY TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH GITLIN BY RADIO.  
REQUESTS WERE DENIED BUT PORTILLO HOTEL MANAGEMENT ASSURED US  
THAT GITLIN HAD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. UPON LEARNING THAT JULY 26  
SNAOWFALL HAD CREATED FURTHER TWO-WEEK DELAY ON ROAD TO SKI  
AREA, POST REQUESTED HELP FROM PRIVATE HELICOPTER PILOT SHUTTLING  
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WEALTHY SKIERS TO PORTILLO. PILOT AGREED TO LOCATE GITLIN,  
PASS HIM OUR OFFER TO ASSIST, AND BRING HIM OUT OF AREA IF  
SPACE WAS AVAILABLE. PILOT WAS ADVISED BY HOTEL MANAGER UPON  
ARRIVAL IN AM OF 27TH THAT GITLIN HAD JUST LEFT WITH FIRST  
GROUP OF GUESTS ON CHILEAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER. SUBSEQUENT  
POST INQUIRIES TO CHILEAN AIR FORCE REVEALED NO RECORD HAD BEEN  
MADE OF EVACUEES LIFTED TO LOS ANDES BUT THAT ALL PASSENGERS

WER UNINJURED.

4. GITLIN'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. HOTEL PORTILLO  
MANAGER TOLD HELICOPTER PILOT THAT GITLIN LEFT NO MESSAGE  
OR INDICATION OF PLANS. CHILEAN AIR FORCE STATED THAT TOURISTS  
TAKEN TO LOS ANDES BY HELICOPTER WERE TO BE BROUGHT INTO  
SANTIAGO BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH TOURIST AGENCIES. CONSULATE  
CHECKED ALL AIRLINES AND SEVERAL HOTELS IN SANTIAGO WITHOUT RESULTS.

5. ASSUMING GITLIN RECEIVED RADIO MESSAGE, HE WILL PROBABLY CONTACT  
CONSULATE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. POST WILL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE GITLIN AND ASSIST. DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADVISED  
OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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